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#### STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AO - AR have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References [redacted] have been cited in the corresponding [redacted] Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References [redacted] are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References AS - AT are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

AS: JP59-16383

In an elevator door apparatus, a catch 11 is disposed on a hanger case 1, and a latch 9 is disposed on a door hanger 3. When a landing door 7 is in a fully-closed state, the latch 9 engages with the catch 11 and a contact 14 mechanically contacts with a contact 13.

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	AR	74903/1976	06/12/76	JP			NO
	AS	59-16383	05/14/84	JP			NO
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